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1. MINISTRY OF FINANCE SOURCE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT AMOUNT SPENT ON TRANSPORT OF MILITARY GOODS WAS $65 MILLION IN 1976 AND $155 MILLION IN 1977. TO CALCULATE THE CIVIL TRADE DEFICIT, THEY WILL ADD THESE NUMBERS TO THE PREVIOUSLY RELEASED FIGURES ON DIRECT DEFENSE IMPORTS (FOB) TO OBTAIN A TOTAL FOR DEFENSE IMPORTS. THE RESULTING NUMBERS, $1.561 BILLION IN 1976 AND $1.097 BILLION IN 1977, CORRESPOND TO THE DIRECT DEFENSE IMPORT CATEGORY OF PRIOR YEARS. THE CIVIL TRADE DEFICIT CALCULATED ON THIS BASIS AMOUNTS TO $1.755 BILLION IN 1976 AND $1.463 BILLION IN 1977. THE PROJECTION OF A $1.185 BILLION CIVIL DEFICIT FOR 1978 REMAINS UNCHANGED.

2. SAME SOURCE TELLS US THAT CORRECTION FACTOR WILL BE AVAILABLE IN FUTURE YEARS; TO KEEP USG TIME SERIES CONSISTENT WITH GOI SERIES AND OUR OWN PREVIOUS PRACTICE, SUGGEST THAT CIVIL TRADE DEFICIT BE CALCULATED ON BASIS OOF INCLUDING TRANSPORT COSTS IN DIRECT DEFENSE IMPORTS. WHILE, IN EFFECT, THIS MIXES FOB AND CIF CALCULATIONS, THE LOGICAL CONSTRUCT OF A ZCIVIL TRADE DEFICIT"
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